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- 1. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND ON JULY 11 ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING THE CURRENT TRIALS OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS.
- 2. THE MINISTER STATED QUOTE THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT SHARES THE ANXIETY AND CONCERN WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE ABOUT THE SERIES OF TRIALS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR SURVEILLANCE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE RECENTLY. WE PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE POLICY OF DETENTE BEING CONTINUED. BUT IT STANDS TO REASON THAT THE STRONG REACTIONS WHICH WE SEE BOTH IN NORWEGIAN OPINION AND WESTERN OPINION IN GENERAL AGAINST THESE TRIALS NECESSARILY WILL MAKE THIS TASK FAR MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT HAS BEEN. UNQUOTE LERNER

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